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MISSOULA--

THE GAME: The University of Montana Grizzlies and the Montana State Bobcats will renew one of the oldest football rivalries in the country this Saturday, as UM hosts MSU in a key Big Sky Conference game. The game at Missoula's Dornblaser Stadium starts at 1:30 p.m.

THE TEAMS:	<u>MONTANA</u> (3-5)		<u>MONTANA ST.</u> (7-1)	
	12	PUGET SOUND 23	21	North Dakota 13
	16	Portland State 27	28	NORTH DAKOTA ST. 18
	6	NORTHERN ARIZ. 21	42	TEXAS A & I 21
	27	Weber State 7	31	Boise State 29
	15	Boise State 7	21	Weber State 14
	30	IDAHO 34	23	IDAHO STATE 12
	16	UN-Las Vegas 25	57	Idaho 21
	28	Idaho State 7	22	NORTHERN ARIZ. 43

(HOME GAMES)

THE COACHES: UM coach Gene Carlson is currently 10-17 overall, and in the middle of his third season at UM. MSU's Sonny Lubick was an assistant for the Bobcats for eight years, and became head coach this season.

THE SERIES: This Saturday's game will be the 78th for the teams. The first game was in 1897. The Grizzlies come into the game leading the series 45-27, however, UM has not won since 1971.

The most lopsided defeat in the series was in 1904, when UM won, 79-0. The Grizzlies have shut out the Bobcats 28 times, while the 'Cats have done it eight times.

LAST YEAR: Last year Montana outgained MSU 486 to 326 in total yards, but came up on the short end of the score, losing 24-19. The Grizzlies' Monty Bullerdick gained 138 yards on 31 carries, while MSU's Delmar Jones gained 187 on 27 totes. Tim Kerr had a fine passing game for UM, completing 19 of 31 passes for three touchdowns and 291 yards.

MSU had a 3-0 halftime lead on a 33-yard field goal by Jeff Muri. MSU scored two TDs, Jones rushing for both, and took a 17-0 lead. UM bounced back, Kerr hitting Vern Kelly and Randy Ogden for a pair of TDs. That made it 17-12. MSU scored again on a QB run by Paul Dennehy with 4:32 left. Allen Green gave UM its final score on a 10-yard pass from Kerr.

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LAST WEEK:

The Grizzlies traveled to Las Vegas to play the UNLV Rebels, losing 25-16. The offense was led by Bullerdick, who had 84 yards on 19 carries; Bob Cerkovnik, four for 45 and a TD; and Doug Egbert, six for 47 and a TD.

Defensively, secondary men Greg Dunn and Scott Ferda played admirably, making several one-on-one tackles. Dunn, who was nominated for Big Sky Conference Defensive Player of the Week, had 10 solo stops and four assists. He also kept his return average up with three for 67 yards. Ferda had four individual stops, picked off an interception and returned it 49 yards, and returned a punt 33 yards. Steve Fisher (DE) had his best game of the season, according to coach Gary Ekegren.

The Bobcats suffered their first loss in eight games, losing a pivotal Big Sky game to Northern Arizona, which now has sole possession of first place with a 4-0 record. Arizona is now 6-2 overall. MSU was dominated by NAU's Allan Clark who gained 261 yards and was responsible for two scores. NAU led 24-0 at halftime. MSU scored all of its points in the final period. Jones was held to 69 yards on 16 attempts. MSU is 4-1 in league play.

Junior split end Mark McGrath accounted for 240 of MSU's yards, 181 of them on eight kickoff returns. He also returned a punt 59 yards to set up the Bobcats' first score.

CARLSON ON UNLV:

"We didn't block well in the first half. As a matter of fact, we didn't start blocking effectively until the fourth period. We asked our defense to play too long. They responded well, and did a hell of a job. I couldn't have asked them to do any more than they did.

I thought Egbert and Cerkovnik ran well. We looked good on our first drive and then kind of fell asleep. Failing to capitalize on our first long drive by fumbling was probably the turning point.

CARLSON ON MSU:

It's kind of unusual matchup, the Grizzlies and the Bobcats. Our defense probably plays the best, while their offense probably has the advantage at quarterback and running back. We aren't too consistent on offense and they aren't too consistent on defense.

MSU won quite a few straight at home and they're going to want to get back in the win column. Of course you know this game means a lot to us too. They have a lot of ability on offense, and their offensive line probably has the edge on us as far as size and experience are concerned.

Both teams have good kicking games. I would say we'll have to stop Jones and Dennehy, stop their pass and option game, and we can't overlook (Mike) Doerfler (who is averaging four-and-a-half yards per carry).



- LUBICK ON UM: Montana has a fine football team, and have been playing extremely well lately. We'll have to bounce back and play very well at their home field to beat them.
- THE CROWD: A packed house is expected for the intense-filled Big Sky clash in Missoula this week. Tickets have been sold out for more than two weeks, and extra bleachers will be added for UM students.
- GRIZ IN NATION: Vern Kelly now has 32 receptions for 445 yards and five TDs and is 13th in the nation. Raul Allegre is tied for first in field goal kicking with nine (of 10). Dunn is around 11th in kickoff returns with a 23.1 average.
- MSU's Jones is in the top 10 nationally in rushing (876) and scoring (10 TDs). QB Dennehy is 8th nationally in total offense.
- BIG SKY LEADERS: Bullerdick is fourth in rushing with 656 yards, and sixth in all-purpose offense with 740. Kelly is third in the Big Sky in receiving. Terry Thomas leads in punting with a 41.8 yard average. UM is second in team defense against the rush with a 169.8 average.
- MSU has the leader in total offense in Dennehy (158.8 a game). The "Cats are first in rushing offense (256.1) and scoring (30.6). Dennehy has completed 59 of 140 passes for 969 yards and 9 TDs. Jones leads in scoring with 10 TDs.
- INJURY REPORT: Linebacker Scott Morton, defensive end Sam Martin, kicker Raul Allegre and linebacker Dave Gleason all have ankle and leg injuries, and all are probable against MSU.
- GRIZ ON RADIO: Bill Schwanke will do the play-by-play on Missoula's KYLT-AM radio, 1340 on your dial, with Ken Staninger doing the color commentary. The pregame action begins at 1:20 p.m.

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